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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: US PROPOSAL
FOR CREATION OF STUDY GROUP

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1. FOLLOWING AS THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS CABLE IS A REVISED DRAFT PREPARED JOINTLY BY FINLAND, NETHERLANDS AND USDEL OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF A STUDY GROUP ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE UN. THIS RESOLUTION HAS SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN GROUP, THAT IS, THE UK, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, FINLAND, DENMARK, ITALY AND JAPAN. ALL OF THESE DELEGATIONS HAVE REFERRED THIS DRAFT TO THEIR CAPITALS FOR APPROVAL.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, THE US DELEGATION, ASSISTED BY MEMBERS OF THE WEO GROUP, IS ACTIVELY SEEKING LDC SUPPORT. TO DATE FIRM COMMITMENTS OF CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM ZAIRE AND LESOTHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND EGYPT HAVE ALSO INDICATED FIRM SUPPORT BUT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED CO-SPONSORSHIP. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING COMMITMENTS FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM ECUADOR AND MEXICO.
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3. THE USSR WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON THIS NEW DRAFT BUT INITIALLY COMMENTED THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DUPLICATION WITH WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE AND NOTED CONCERN FOR THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT APPROVAL OF THIS DRAFT SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SEEK CO-SPONSORS AND SUPPORT.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS

THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RECALLING RESOLUTION 1139 (-----) OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WHICH ADOPTED THE PRESENT MANDATE AND PRESENT DESIGNATION OF THE COMMISSION;

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ----- IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS PROPOSALS RELATING, INTER ALIA, TO THE INSTITUTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

DESIRING TO INSURE THAT THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS IS ACCORDED, ON A CONTINUING BASIS, THE HIGH PRIORITY IT DESERVES CONSIDERING THE GRAVITY AND URGENCY OF THE PROBLEMS IN THIS SECTOR;

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1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD APPOINT A SMALL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERTS IN THE SOCIAL FIELD FROM STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, INTER ALIA, WITH REGARD TO:

(A) THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

(B) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS COORDINATION MACHINERY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ACTIVITIES;

(C) AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

2. RECOMMENDS FURTHER THAT THE WORKING GROUP BE APPOINTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD SUBMIT THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO THE 64TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. END TEXTCATTO

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